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ORIGIN

1. The Russian reparations plan for 1947 called for the delivery from Germany of 600 prefabricated wooden houses with completely finished interiors. The task of building these houses fell to the wood-working industry of Land Saxony. Since the three major concerns which dealt in prefabricated houses—Christoph & Unrack, Niederlausitz; Höbtsch AG, Dresden; and Deutsche Werkstätten, Hellerau—had been completely dismantled, the orders had to be subcontracted to a number of small enterprises which were ill-adapted to this type of work.
2. In November 1947 the S A presented the government of Saxony with a quota of 1,800 prefabricated houses to be produced as reparations during 1948. The Reparations Division of the government of Saxony protested that this quota could never be met in view of the shortage of wood-working machines and installations. It was stated that no more than 500 houses could possibly be delivered. The S A remained adamant, however, and the goal was definitely set at 1,800.
3. During 1947 Saxony was credited with 17,400 RM on the reparations balance for every house delivered to Russia. This low price was set in spite of the demonstrated fact that the cost price of such houses was 27,000 RM per unit. In 1948, however, the S A will allow a credit of only 10,000 RM per house.

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